GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2328
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CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF ARJUNA AWARD
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for awarding Arjuna Award;

(b) whether there have been any deviation of such rules, while awarding such honour; (

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to bring more transparency in the process of its selection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) At present to be eligible for the Arjuna Award, a Sports person should have had not only good performance consistently for the previous three years at the National/International level with excellence for the year for which the Award is recommended but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and sense of discipline. The sports persons who have contributed their life time to sports and sports promotion are also considered for Arjuna Award.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government is in the process of reviewing the guidelines for selection of awardees.